

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 31824
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Kiminobu HIRATA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 4387
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Application No.: 10/576,720	:	Group Art Unit: 3748
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Filed: December 13, 2006	:	Examiner: Binh Q. Tran
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For: ENGINE CONTROL APPARATUS	:	
AND ENGINE OPERATING	:	
METHOD	:	

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2007, the period for response to which having been extended for two months from November 8, 2007 to January 8, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.